

**REMARKS**

Claim 35 has been amended. Claims 11, 14, 21, 24, 27, 29, 31, and 35 remain in the case. The allowance of claims 11, 14, 21, 24, 27, 29, 31, and 35 is noted. Claim 37 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Tanahashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,514,196). Claim 37 is now cancelled. Claim 35 has been amended to require a method for manufacturing semiconductor devices. The term "semiconductors" in claim 35 has been replaced with the phrase "semiconductor devices" previously used in now cancelled claim 37. No new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment to claim 35 should not affect its allowability.

This Amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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